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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form, and previously cited in Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/177,086 filed October 22, 1998, and entitled "Method and System for Central Management of a Computer Network Technical Field" be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified continuation-in-part patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the references cited in the parent application are not being furnished. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references are material to the patentability of the present application.

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